

A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES BILL

Provisions of a Measure Which Applies to Virginia Cities.

BE OFFERED IN HOUSE TO-DAY.

By Its Terms Richmond Is Required to Establish and Maintain a Public Library—Bills in Interest of Confederates—Notes.

A bill in the interest of a more general diffusion of knowledge in the State, so far as that laudable end is served by the establishment of free public libraries and reading rooms, will be offered in the House today. Mr. S. S. P. Patterson, of this city, is patron of the measure. He has thoroughly studied the question and has been to the pains to familiarize himself with the legislation of the House today. The bill is modeled after that enacted in Michigan, whose statutes were to a large extent shaped by Judge Cooley, whose fame as a lawyer and legislator is national. Mr. Patterson was so much impressed with the admirable law of Michigan in respect to free libraries that he incorporated its ideas in the bill he will present.

The bill provides that every incorporated town and city of the State shall have power to establish and maintain a public library, and may for that purpose levy a tax not to exceed one mill on the dollar annually on all the taxable property of the town or city.

When any city or town council has decided to establish a library, the mayor thereof shall, with the approval of the council, appoint a board of nine directors from the citizens at large, and not more than one member of the council, and he the chairman of the council finance committee, shall be appointed on the board of directors, which shall include the city superintendent of public schools.

The bill provides that equal numbers of the board shall serve one year, two years and three years, respectively, and shall be eligible for re-election, and that vacancies shall be filled in like manner as original appointments.

The board of directors are given full power to choose, purchase, receive, and dispose of books, and to regulate the use of the library, and to make rules and regulations for the government of the library, have exclusive control of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, which is to be kept separate from other funds of the city or town, and have power to purchase or lease ground, erect library buildings, appoint a librarian and necessary assistants, and to fix salaries and compensation.

The board is required to make full and detailed reports at the end of every year, important particulars to be verified by affidavit.

Libraries and reading rooms established under the terms of this measure shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Library Board may adopt.

The bill requires that the city of Richmond to establish, equip and maintain a public library and reading room under the foregoing terms, but leaves the matter optional as to other cities and towns.

In explaining his bill yesterday Mr. Patterson pointed out that the growing system of free public libraries in the North and Northwest had its origin in such legislation as his bill involved. The amount raised by the imposition of a tax of one mill on the dollar, he admitted, is not a large sum, but it is a small tribute of extensive libraries, but such initial action, he said, was followed in the majority of cases by donations of wealthy individuals, with whom contributions to public libraries are a matter of course. His bill is the important first step, the laying of the foundation of public libraries in the cities and towns of the State.

Mr. Demetrius Pettit, of Fluvanna, will offer in the House to-day a bill extending relief to indigent and decrepit Confederate soldiers. The present law confines pensions to those who were wounded, maimed or disabled in the service. Mr. Pettit extends that indigent and aged soldiers should likewise share in the gratuity of the State. The bill was prepared by his father, Wm. B. Pettit, Esq., president of the State Bar Association several years ago, and a veteran who served in the field in the Confederate cause.

Mr. Gravelly, of Henry county, who is also of good Southern fighting stock, has a bill before committee now designed to secure a more liberal appropriation for old Confederate soldiers. The principal, perhaps the only objection urged in opposition to the measure is the financial inability of the State to carry out its provisions. However, Mr. Gravelly proposes to answer this objection. He started in to do so yesterday, when he introduced a bill levying a higher tax on insurance companies. He proposes to follow up the campaign along this line, and his proposition will be a most effective one. "Corporations in Virginia get off too easily," said Mr. Gravelly, "and there are men in the State who are served here in their prime who should be served after in greater measure than they are."

The Democrats of the Senatorial District embracing Rockbridge, Botetourt, Bath, Buchanan and Highland counties, and the city of Buena Vista, will hold a convention at Clifton Forge to-night to nominate a successor to the late Senator McCorkle. It is generally conceded that Dr. A. Noah Johnson, of Rockbridge, is the best qualified man to succeed Mr. McCorkle, and he has enough delegates instructed for him to defeat all opponents on first ballot, so it is said.

Mr. F. E. Cromwell will succeed the late M. S. Newberry in the House from Norfolk county, and is brother of Sheriff A. C. Cromwell, and a most popular gentleman. Mr. Cromwell will have a clear field.

The matter of providing for the increased interest on the State debt is engaging some attention at the hands of members of the Legislature. It has been suggested that an extra session of the Legislature may be called on that account. The best opinion, however, is that the matter will be disposed of at this session of the Assembly.

It is thought the Committee on Courts of Justice at its meeting to-morrow morning will take up the bill to amend the act abolishing the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, which is presided over by Judge J. A. Dupuy.

Delegate Folkes stated yesterday that he thought the movement in opposition to the abolition of the Register of Land Office was gaining strength. He is fully convinced that the measure will fail to pass the House.

Senator John N. Ople, chairman of the special committee appointed to investigate the Soldiers' Home, will call that body together to-day to map out its



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plans and to notify the complainants and the members of the board of visitors of the House as to when the taking of testimony will begin.

The Eggs "Jim Crow" car bill and the Folkes measure to require all electric wires in cities of more than 20,000 population to be placed underground will be considered by House committees on Saturday.

SERIES OF SERVICES.

Special Sermons and Music at Broad Street Methodist Church.

Beginning next Sunday night, and continuing every Sunday evening during this month, Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, pastor of Broad Street church, will deliver a series of sermons especially to young men, and cordial invitation is extended to all to come. The choir of the church will also give a "Musical Service" every Sunday night during this month, beginning at 8 o'clock promptly, and will be assisted by some of the best soloists in the city. The programme for next Sunday night, besides the regular hymns of the church, is as follows:

Voluntary anthem—"Praise ye the Father." (Gounod). Soprano and alto duet—Misses Blincoe and Diggs. "Father, in This Calm Hour" (Mercadante). Anthem—"O Lord, We Come to Thee" (Pinsuti). Offertory—tenor solo, Dr. F. M. Cunningham, "Just as I Am, Without One Plea," arranged to music by Leocek. Anthem—(without accompaniment). "Peace, Perfect Peace" (Chadwick).

There will be programmes, containing the words of the music sung.

The subject of Mr. Beauchamp's sermon at the first of these services, January 7th, will be "One's Aspirations and Ideals."

OBITUARY.

Charles Glassman.

Mr. Charles Glassman died at the residence of his son, John Glassman, 1207 Brook road, Wednesday at 1:10 o'clock A. M., aged seventy-three years.

Mr. Glassman was born in New Eastenburg in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. He has been a citizen of this city for many years. He was employed for many years by the Tredgar Works and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company. Mr. Glassman was of a bright and genial disposition and was beloved by all who knew him. The deceased leaves a wife, daughter and two sons to mourn their loss.

The funeral will take place from this residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

W. D. Miller, Mrs. Anne B. Wise, Jan. 2.—Special.—Mr. W. D. Miller, aged about sixty-nine years, died here to-day after an illness of four days of intussusception.

Mr. Miller removed to this country with his family from Pennsylvania, about nineteen years ago, and purchased a farm near Wm's church. He recently started a good business.

The burial will occur Friday morning at 11 o'clock from Wm's church. Mr. Miller leaves four sons and two daughters, one of whom is Mr. H. C. Miller, an employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway at Richmond.

Mrs. Annie B. Wise, Jan. 2.—Special.—Mrs. Anne B. Wise, the mother of Mrs. T. B. Harris, of this place, died at Beaton, Va., last Monday. Her remains were brought here and buried in the Citizens' Cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah Vance died at her home near here on Monday night last, of paralysis, in the seventy-fifth year of her age, and was buried on yesterday. She leaves two sons, Mr. E. L. Vance, of this place, and Messrs. William and Oscar Vance, who lived with her.

Dr. O. S. Williams, PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 2.—Special.—Dr. O. S. Williams, one of the most prominent physicians of Prince George county, died at his home near Disputanta this afternoon.

He had been critically ill for some time, and his death was not unexpected.

PAINTERS QUIT IN MANCHESTER

They Ask for More Wages But Do Not Get It.

SUCCESSOR TO SQUIRE LITHGOW

Mr. Wm. T. Gilliam was Appointed by Judge Ingram—Activity in Central Methodist Church—Other News of Interest—Personal.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, 1112 Hill Street, Beattie Block.

It was reported upon the streets yesterday afternoon that there was a strike among the car painters at the Southern shops. Mr. W. H. Owens, master mechanic at the shops, when seen last night, denied the rumor that there had been a strike among his men, but stated that twelve of the car painters, who had been at the shops for some time, had demanded an increase in their wages, which the company refused to allow. Consequently, they stopped work yesterday morning and have gone to the Trigg shipbuilding company.

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH.

A general gathering of the members and friends of the Central Methodist church was held last night in the lecture room. Judge Clifton presided over the meeting and made an instructive and encouraging address.

Rev. J. C. Reed and Mr. J. R. Perdue also made splendid talks. The programme was greatly aided by the vocal solos of Miss Mary Patterson, of Petersburg.

During the evening there were probably two hundred persons present. After the address and talks, refreshments were served.

The following address of greeting and encouragement was made by Judge Clifton:

This, as you all know, is the mother church of this city. It was founded about the year 1790, and was for many years the only church in the city. Prior to the Revolution Manchester, under the established colonial church, was at first a part of the Parish of Dale.

By the act of the House of Burgesses of 1773, the Parish of Manchester was established, and by the act of 1775, the son's act, dis-establishing the colonial church it was abolished.

There is, however, no evidence of record or otherwise tending to show that any church or place of worship was ever established in Manchester, and the church was organized in the "Old Plank Church," at the corner of Tenth and Perry streets.

Our church worshipped in the "Old Plank Church" until the 1842, when the present church building, in which we meet to-night, was completed and dedicated to the worship of God.

Through all the years succeeding 1790, until about the year 1850, when the Baptists formed a congregation here, the people of Manchester were dependent upon this church for all the consolations of our divine religion.

During all these years our church was the only place where the standard of the Lord was erected and the Banner of the Cross displayed.

Hence we have the right with Christian humility to glory in the history of our dear old church, and pray God's blessings on it in the coming time.

But we are here to-night for a nobler purpose than to glory in the achievements of the past. Looking through the vista of the coming years of the new century which is about to burst upon us, we see with the eye of faith greater opportunities for the advancement of our Lord's kingdom in the earth at the place where God has placed us.

We hear the call to us to "Lift High the Royal Banner, It Must Not Suffer Loss." In obedience to that call this church has determined to push forward the work of the Lord and erect to the glory of God a grander and a nobler house for His worship.

To-night we meet in social gathering in order to give impetus to the movement.

My only task is to welcome you and may only pray for the brotherhood of the Church, that we may know each other better and love each other more, so that with unbroken front and cheerful hearts we may move forward to the accomplishment of the work which we have before us, and to the establishment of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men.

My cordial welcome to all who are present at this our social church gathering.

Commonwealth's Attorney Cogbill, of Chesterfield county, was in the city yesterday in reference to the alleged case of assault made in the county Monday. He was in conference with Judge Ingram, who presides over the Chesterfield County Court.

The result of the conference was a determination to have a speedy trial of the accused, David Perkins. It was arranged that a special grand jury shall be summoned to convene Monday next, at which time the trial will commence.

Mrs. Martha J. Colquhoun, who alleges that the young negro attempted to assault her, is the widow of John Colquhoun. Mr. William T. Gilliam was appointed Justice of the Peace from the Fourth Ward by Judge Ingram yesterday morning.

Mr. Gilliam will serve the unexpired term of the late Justice Lithgow. Mr. Gilliam is from Powhatan county, but has been living in Manchester some months. He enters upon his duties at once.

Lawrence Ingram was bitten by a dog Tuesday night. He was visiting a patient on Buck Hill. Upon entering the yard he was met by the dog and exchanged friendly greetings, but scarcely had the Doctor turned his back, when the dog nipped him in the calf of the leg. It is the second experience the Doctor has had with dogs lately, but in the former case the dog got the worst of it.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

A regular meeting of the Street Committee was held Tuesday night. Only routine business was transacted. The committee's report to the Council was prepared.

Miss Annie Brown has returned to her home after a visit to relatives in Petersburg.

Mr. Henry Cheatham had his hand badly mashed yesterday afternoon.

Cheese, Checkers and Whist.

The organizing meeting of the Chess, Checkers and Whist Club was held last night at Murphy's.

The following officers were elected: Messrs. John P. Branch, president; Luke Harvey, vice-president; W. P. Wood, secretary and treasurer. Board of Directors: Dr. Otto Myer, Messrs. Joseph W. Laube, Fountaine E. DeWitt, W. R. Harwood, McLean, John J. Churchill, Colonel John Murphy, Edgar Ferguson, Reuben Sherriffs.

Committees upon by-laws were appointed, and other business transacted, and adjournment taken subject to call.

Executive Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia will be held at Murphy's Hotel this morning, convening at 9 o'clock. The members of the committee, Messrs. J. C. Branch, president; Luke Harvey, vice-president; W. P. Wood, secretary and treasurer. Board of Directors: Dr. Otto Myer, Messrs. Joseph W. Laube, Fountaine E. DeWitt, W. R. Harwood, McLean, John J. Churchill, Colonel John Murphy, Edgar Ferguson, Reuben Sherriffs.

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Won the Prizes.

A large crowd was present at the masquerade ball given at Sanger Hall by the Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society Tuesday night, and the affair was a great success in every way. The first gentlemen's prize was won by Mr. Ben Lovetown, as Captain Dreyfus. It was a very handsome smoking-table. The second gentlemen's

SHORT SESSIONS IN BOTH HOUSES

The Senate Sat for Only Little More Than an Hour.

HOUSE FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES.

Resolutions Introduced Asking Information as to Relations of Treasury Department With City Bank of New York.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Senate evinced no disposition to-day to take up the work of the session in earnest, and, while the sitting was of only a little more than an hour's duration, a large number of important bills were introduced and a definite foundation laid for proceeding with the financial bill.

The hour for the beginning of the debate on this measure was fixed for 2 o'clock to-morrow. The most notable event of the day was an objection entered by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, to the summary disposition of resolutions asking for information about the conduct of the Philippine war. He indicated a purpose to demand consideration for such measures even at the expense of the financial bill.

The tenth instant was named as a day for the delivery of the eulogies in honor of the memory of the late Vice-President Hobart.

Mr. Allen presented a resolution calling upon the Secretary of Treasury for all letters passing between the Treasury Department and the National City Bank and the Hanover National Bank of New York, and also agreements made between the Treasury Department and those banks concerning the deposit of funds, etc.

OBJECTION MADE.

Mr. Aldrich objected to present consideration and the resolution went over till to-morrow.

A like disposition was made of a resolution by Mr. Pettigrew calling upon the Secretary of War for information as to whether General Torres, of the Philippine army, came under the flag of truce as a representative of Aguinaldo, to General Otis at the beginning of hostilities last February, making an explanation of the outbreak and suggesting means of terminating the troubles.

After an executive session, the Senate at 1 P. M. adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The House was in session but fifteen minutes to-day, and during that time had a little flurry over an attempt of Mr. Sulzer, of New York, to secure recognition of a resolution asking information concerning the relations of the Treasury Department with the National City Bank of New York. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Gaines, of Tennessee, rose to a question of personal privilege respecting his right to the Roberts resolution.

These events and the prayer of the chaplain occupied the brief time the House was in session.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

Miss Clinche Whitehead, of Chatham, Va., is visiting friends in this city.

Mayor Herman Meyers, of Savannah, Ga., called on Mayor Taylor yesterday.

Mr. Robert H. Brooks has returned to his home after spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss Bessie Marston, of Roxbury, Va., is visiting the Misses Vaddell, of No. 1110 Capitol street.

Mrs. Lila Francis, of Hampton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Slaughter, at 611 north Eighth street.

Colonel James D. Brady is reported as improved, though he is still confined to his house in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Slaughter, of Buffalo, are visiting the family of Sergeant James A. Otey, 511 north Eighth street.

After a ten days' sojourn in New York city, Messrs. N. Thomas Mosby and H. J. Sherwin, Jr., have returned to this city.

The trial of William Miller, for the murder of Beverly Christian, will take place on January 23, in the Hustings Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stringfellow and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Stringfellow left yesterday for Woodbury Forest, in Orange county.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Association of the Masonic Home of Virginia, will meet at the Temple to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Miss Lottie Livesey left Tuesday for Churchill, Va., where she expects to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. P. E. Redd.

Mr. George L. Currie, the well known shipbroker, is confined to his bed by an attack of rheumatism, and is threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. P. E. Redd has returned to her home in Norfolk county. She has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Livesey, at Chestnut.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Becker, of 2430 Grace avenue, accompanied by their daughters, Misses Clara V. and Lily Becker, have returned from New York.

Mr. A. L. Eacho, of Fulton, entertained the Fulton Branch of the Knights of Honor Tuesday night. A most enjoyable time was passed by all who were present.

Mrs. Robert Kennell, who has been ill at the Old Dominion Hospital for some days, is constantly improving. She rested quite comfortably last night and yesterday.

The regular monthly meeting of "The Co-operative Workers of Richmond" will be held at 26 east Grace street to-morrow at 8 P. M. All members and others wishing to join this society are invited to be present.

A large water main on Main street between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, burst yesterday and wasted a great quantity of water. The repair force of the department was ordered to make necessary repairs.

Christmas greetings were sent to Captain Frank W. Cunningham from Corporal C. J. Tallaferro, of Company C, 1st Infantry, U. S. A., who is now in the Philippine Islands. He sent the Captain a package of Filipino cigarettes, and the Captain says that they are so strong that they will knock a man down.

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SCOTTISH RITE MEETINGS.

The Higher Degrees to be Conferred in the Early Spring.

Libertas Lodge of Perfection No. 5, A. and A. S. R. of Freemasonry, of which the lodge is composed of 12 members, held its regular monthly meeting in St. Albans Hall last night. Business of importance to the members of the Rite was discussed and several petitions presented for the Scottish Rite degrees.

A called meeting of Pelican Chapter No. 2, Knights Rose Croix, A. and A. S. R. of Freemasonry, will be held in St. Albans Hall next Wednesday night, at which time the degrees from the fifteenth to eighteenth inclusive, will be conferred on an interesting class of candidates.

It is expected that all the degrees of the Rite up to and including the thirty-second, will be conferred in Richmond during the early spring.

The Scottish Rite degrees are sublimely beautiful and are conferred in an impressive manner by the Richmond brethren.

AMUSEMENTS.

"The Purple Lady" a Success—Golden at the Bijou.

"The Purple Lady" came to Richmond as an unknown quantity, save that put forth by the advance man and the critics that had seen the farce elsewhere. These critics had nothing but good to say of the piece, and what they said was true, as two well-pleased Richmond audiences at the Academy of Music can attest.

The farce is a good one, even though it goes along the line of complications so often pursued by the writer of the farce. While the same theme pervades the piece, the story carries a lot of originality with it, which is taken advantage of by that excellent company that Mr. Hector Rosenfeld has provided.

The entire company seems to have been designed especially for a complete production of "The Purple Lady," and no better selection could have been made. Mr. Frank B. Hatch carries the principal comedy part, that of "Professor Arcinbold Gilworthy," and he carries it well. The ladies of the cast are particularly well mentioning, Miss Olive Porter, as "Lucy," the Professor's wife, is very dainty and sweet, and Miss Teresa Maxwell, as the Purple One, is quite up to the mark in her part. The conception of the author in forming the character. Mr. Robert Rogers, as "Philip Dusenberry," and Miss Louise McIntosh, as "Clarrissa Winklewort," are very clever character performers.

"The Purple Lady" is a good one, and like "What Happened to Jones," "My Friend from India," "A Virginia Romance," and others of the same class, will henceforth be a favorite with the Richmond audience.

Pythian Lodge.

Marshall Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, installed new officers for the ensuing year at Tuesday night's meeting. The meeting was one of unusual interest, there being present several visiting members, who made interesting talks.

Germania Lodge No. 15, held its regular meeting for the installation of officers last night. After the business session of the lodge a delightful musical programme was rendered.

New Unit runs.

The Walker Light Guard, Company B of the old First Regiment, held a well-attended meeting at the Regimental Armory last night. The uniforms were issued out, but otherwise little business was done.

Left for Japan.

Rev. J. Lindsay Patton, accompanied by his wife and children, left Tuesday night for San Francisco, where they will sail for Japan, where Mr. Patton goes as a missionary of the Episcopal Church.

Weather Gets Warmer.

There has been a considerable change in the temperature since yesterday morning, and there is a prospect of warmer weather in this section of the country within the next few days.

No Call Extended.

The committee appointed from the congregation of St. Paul's upon the calling of a rector has not met in the past two weeks, consequently no action has been taken. The names of many of the ministers who have filled the pulpit recently are known to the tongues of the members of the church in most favorable comment, but as yet nothing definite can be given out. Rev. W. A. Querry, of the University of the South, who conducted the services last week, made a most favorable impression, and is spoken of as probably receiving the call.

Council Committees.

The Common Council meets to-night at 7 o'clock.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings meets at 7 o'clock.

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Libertas Lodge of Perfection No. 5, A. and A. S. R. of Freemasonry, of which the lodge is composed of 12 members, held its regular monthly meeting in St. Albans Hall last night. Business of importance to the members of the Rite was discussed and several petitions presented for the Scottish Rite degrees.

A called meeting of Pelican Chapter No. 2, Knights Rose Croix, A. and A. S. R. of Freemasonry, will be held in St. Albans Hall next Wednesday night, at which time the degrees from the fifteenth to eighteenth inclusive, will be conferred on an interesting class of candidates.

It is expected that all the degrees of the Rite up to and including the thirty-second, will be conferred in Richmond during the early spring.

The Scottish Rite degrees are sublimely beautiful and are conferred in an impressive manner by the Richmond brethren.

AMUSEMENTS.

"The Purple Lady" a Success—Golden at the Bijou.

"The Purple Lady" came to Richmond as an unknown quantity, save that put forth by the advance man and the critics that had seen the farce elsewhere. These critics had nothing but good to say of the piece, and what they said was true, as two well-pleased Richmond audiences at the Academy of Music can attest.

The farce is a good one, even though it goes along the line of complications so often pursued by the writer of the farce. While the same theme pervades the piece, the story carries a lot of originality with it, which is taken advantage of by that excellent company that Mr. Hector Rosenfeld has provided.

The entire company seems to have been designed especially for a complete production of "The Purple Lady," and no better selection could have been made. Mr. Frank B. Hatch carries the principal comedy part, that of "Professor Arcinbold Gilworthy," and he carries it well. The ladies of the cast are particularly well mentioning, Miss Olive Porter, as "Lucy," the Professor's wife, is very dainty and sweet, and Miss Teresa Maxwell, as the Purple One, is quite up to the mark in her part. The conception of the author in forming the character. Mr. Robert Rogers, as "Philip Dusenberry," and Miss Louise McIntosh, as "Clarrissa Winklewort," are very clever character performers.

"The Purple Lady" is a good one, and like "What Happened to Jones," "My Friend from India," "A Virginia Romance," and others of the same class, will henceforth be a favorite with the Richmond audience.

Pythian Lodge.

Marshall Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, installed new officers for the ensuing year at Tuesday night's meeting. The meeting was one of unusual interest, there being present several visiting members, who made interesting talks.

Germania Lodge No. 15, held its regular meeting for the installation of officers last night. After the business session of the lodge a delightful musical programme was rendered.

New Unit runs.

The Walker Light Guard, Company B of the old First Regiment, held a well-attended meeting at the Regimental Armory last night. The uniforms were issued out, but otherwise little business was done.

Left for Japan.

Rev. J. Lindsay Patton, accompanied by his wife and children, left Tuesday night for San Francisco, where they will sail for Japan, where Mr. Patton goes as a missionary of the Episcopal Church.

Weather Gets Warmer.

There has been a considerable change in the temperature since yesterday morning, and there is a prospect of warmer weather in this section of the country within the next few days.

No Call Extended.

The committee appointed from the congregation of St. Paul's upon the calling of a rector has not met in the past two weeks, consequently no action has been taken. The names of many of the ministers who have filled the pulpit recently are known to the tongues of the members of the church in most favorable comment, but as yet nothing definite can be given out. Rev. W. A. Querry, of the University of the South, who conducted the services last week, made a most favorable impression, and is spoken of as probably receiving the call.

Council Committees.

The Common Council meets to-night at 7 o'clock.

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings meets at 7 o'clock.

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SERIOUS CHARGE.

Winston Cahoon, Alleged to Have Forged Paper in Norfolk, Arrested.

Winston Cahoon was arrested in the lobby of Murphy's Hotel yesterday afternoon by Officers Gibson and Wren. When arrested Cahoon was seated in one of Murphy's great chairs talking with a prominent insurance agent of the city, and it was quite evident he had no idea he had been spotted.

O. Q. Robertson, a traveling man for a Norfolk firm, was the direct cause of the arrest. It seems that Cahoon had until a month ago, at which time he came to Richmond, lived at Norfolk, and before leaving Norfolk he is alleged to have forged a check for about \$25 to pay his board bill.

Mr. Robertson did not come to Richmond in search of Cahoon, but on other business. When in Norfolk he had boarded with the same party Cahoon had, and to whom the check had been given. When Robertson reached Richmond yesterday he recognized Cahoon and spoke to him. They took several drinks together, and were together some little time during the day. Robertson says he does not think Cahoon recalled him, as when they had given it until arrested. Since being a full board, Robertson about noon informed the police that Cahoon was wanted in Norfolk for that forged sum, without giving it until arrested. Since being a full board, Robertson about noon informed the police that Cahoon was wanted in Norfolk for that forged sum, without giving it until arrested.

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